Mr. John King, Acting Chief Coastal Program Division NOAA/OOCRM 1305 E. West Highway Silver Springs, MD 20910

RE: Costal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP)

Dear Mr. King:

The State of Mississippi has begun the process for preparing a draft plan for consideration under the Coastal Impact Assistance Program. I am designating the Department of Environmental Quality as the lead agency representative for the State of Mississippi. Other state agencies, along with other governmental and non-governmental organizations, will play integral roles in the developing the Coastal Impact Assistance Program plan.

Based on my designation of the Department of Environmental Quality as the lead agency, I am asking that you communicate with Charles Chisolm, Executive Director. He may be reached at 601-961-5001 (P.O. Box 20305; Jackson, MS 39289-1305).

Should you need additional information from my office, please contact, Michael Boyd, Policy and Planning Director, at (601) 359-2971.

Very truly yours,

RONNIE MUSGROVE

RM/mtb

cc: Charles Chisolm, Environmental Quality Glen Carpenter, Marine Resources Sam Polles, Wildlife, Fisheries, & Parks

Mr. Charles Chisolm Executive Director Department of Environmental Quality P.O. Box 20305 Jackson, MS 39289-1305

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Mr. Glen Carpenter Executive Director Department of Marine Resources 1141 Bayview Avenue, Suite 101 Biloxi MS 39530

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